

as being in a prosperous condition, particularly in Sweden. Brother Peterson has baptized ninety persons while on his mission.

#### Elders Quorum Re-Organized.

On Monday evening last, October 20, the Fourth Quorum of Elders met in the Seventh Ward Meeting House. Counselors J. E. Taylor and C. W. Penrose of the Stake Presidency were present. A reorganization of the Quorum was effected by setting apart as its president Elder Charles H. Hyde. Elder Thomas Jacobsen was chosen first counselor, and the choice of second counselor was deferred. The former president of the Quorum, Elder R. R. Irvine, having removed to Provo, this action became necessary.

#### Released from Prison.

Brother Christin Attesen, a Danish gentleman 68 years of age, of Fountain Green, Sanpete County, has just been released from the penitentiary, where he has been kept for thirty days under the Edmunds law. He says he has been treated well; but the new arrangement which gives the prisoners only about three quarters of an hour each day for taking exercise in the air and shuts them up for all the rest of the day is very trying. There are now, Brother Attesen says, twenty-eight prisoners confined under the Edmunds law and about two hundred common criminals.

#### Temple Block Improvements.

The work of covering the roof of the Tabernacle with tin is nearly finished, and the painting of it will soon be commenced. The amount of tin required for this purpose amounts to about 47,000 superficial feet. Superintendent Moyle is engaged on other improvements in connection with the building besides covering the roof. He is having a number of lavatories constructed in the lower part of the northwest section of the building. They will be fitted up with improved appurtenances, and will be a great convenience. The outbuildings on the west side of the block will be removed.

#### The Race Problem.

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 20.—The supplemental report of the legislative committee relating to State boundaries was taken up for consideration this morning. The second and last section thereof reads as follows: "The legislature shall have power to consent to the acquisition of additional territory by this State, and to make the same a part thereof, and the legislature may consent to the creation of another State or territory, to be formed in whole or in part out of a portion of this State, whenever the consent of the United States shall be given thereto, and the legislature may solve disputed boundaries between this State and its coterminal States whenever such disputes arise."

This is regarded by the delegates from the black counties as an intimation that the white counties may

at some future time make an attempt to secede from the black counties and leave them to struggle alone with the race problem.

#### The Josepa Farm.

October 27th we were shown by Brothers Harvey A. Cluff and Henry P. Richards, specimens of corn raised on the Josepa farm (Hawaiian colony) situated across the Mountains west from Grantsville about sixteen miles. The heads are as fine as any we have ever seen in Utah, large full and healthy. One kind is the Missouri White, another the Yellow Dent, while the third is pop-corn. The stalks were taller than any corn ever before raised in the Territory, the height averaging from ten to twelve feet.

The Sandwich Islands people have been very successful in their farming operations throughout. The farm crop for the season is about as follows: Wheat 1826 bushels, barley 1837, oats 2287, corn 400 to 500 bushels. There has also been raised 20 tons of squash and the same of mangle wurtzels, besides a considerable quantity of turnips and 300 bushels of potatoes. The yield of hay for the season is 500 tons.

The colonists are putting up buildings, planting trees and making other improvements.

#### Edmunds Law Prosecutions.

Andrew Lofgren, of Santaquin, was up before Commissioner Morehouse in Nephi, last Friday, on a charge of unlawful cohabitation. He gave bonds in the sum of \$500 and went his way rejoicing. His alleged plural wife, Annie Lofgren, was released on a \$200 bond. The interesting part of the proceedings was the pleadings of the deputy who had them in charge to get a stranger to go on the defendants' bonds. In his pleadings he remarked that he would vouch for the perfect honesty and integrity of the defendants if Mr. Stranger would only give his signature for their release.—*Ensign*.

Brother John Jones of Woodland, Summit County, who was brought to this city about ten days ago by deputy marshals, charged with unlawful cohabitation, was arraigned for examination before Commissioner Greenman October 21st. There were present as witnesses, George Ellis, Mrs. S. J. Russell and Mrs. Mary Russell, all of Woodland. The defendant changed his plea of not guilty to one of guilty, and no evidence was, therefore taken. The witnesses were conducted, by Commissioner Greenman, into the marshal's office, and were paid their fees and mileage. The defendant was released on bail.

#### Twentieth Ward School Tax.

October 24, a meeting of tax payers of the Twentieth Ward was held in the school house, for the purpose of considering the advisability of resisting the collection of the special school tax of one-fourth of 1 per cent. R. D. Winters was chosen chairman and William Ronney secretary. The former stated some of the reasons why this special tax

should be resisted. In the first place, the tax on the various old districts varied greatly. In the Fifteenth Ward it was 1½ per cent., while in the Eighteenth there was no tax at all. It would be unjust to make one district pay a heavier tax than another, when, it would not derive any special benefit from it. Then the tax of one-fourth of 1 per cent. would raise more money than the Twentieth district needed. This tax was assessed under the old law, and as the district died with the enactment of the new law, the tax would be illegal. D. L. Murdock and S. P. Teasdel also spoke, and it was unanimously decided to join with B. G. Raybould et al. in their suit to resist the tax. D. L. Murdock, S. P. Teasdel and R. D. Winters were appointed as a committee to collect funds for carrying on the matter, and to arrange with Sutherland & Judd to take up the case.

#### Indian Tribes.

PARIS, Tex., Oct. 23.—A message of Chief Perryman to the Council of the Creek nation, now in session at Ocmulgee, makes mention of the law enacted by Congress by which the western tribes are fast allotting lands preparatory to their admission as citizens into the American republic. He then adds: "Thus the rights, privileges and authority of five nations are infringed upon and curtailed at almost every session of Congress. It would hardly be fair to charge Congress with malice toward the Indians, or wilful disregard of their interests. The general policy of the government toward the Indians is one of humanity and charity. The fault lies in the ignorance of our would-be benefactors as regards the true condition and needs of the Indians. This Congress, through its misdirected zeal for the betterment of the condition of the Indians, has handicapped our most laudible efforts for self-government and self-preservation. The United States must be constantly informed of our condition and continually reminded of the sacred treaty obligations which they have entered into with us in the past. It is therefore recommended that a strong delegation be sent to Washington to represent our nation during the next session of Congress."

#### Sale of the "Times."

In its issue of October 21, the *Times* announced that, as soon as the change could be effected, the ownership of the paper would vest in the *Times* Publishing Company. It has heretofore been the property of T. A. Davis, who, the announcement states, still retains an interest. The names of the stockholders of the new company are given as follows:

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